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ETCHED TRENCHES AS WELL AS A DIAPHRAGM

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## **REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action of July 9, 2009, whose three-month response date expired on October 9, 2009, kindly amend the above-captioned application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

Applicants respectfully request a three-month extension of time in which to file this response and provide payment of the required fee with the accompanying transmittal.